



MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMISSION ON HEALTH
Hybrid In-Person and Virtual Meeting via Zoom
September 15, 2022
Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Jonathan Arias, Alana Aronin, Brent Berger, Elliott Brown, Marcela Campoli, Desiree de la Torre, Crystal DeVance-Wilson, Susan Emery, Cara Grant, Jessica Kronstadt, Gabriela Lemus

Members Absent: Dr. James Bridgers, Tara Clemons, Kendra Harris, Adam Lustig

County Council Staff: Essie McGuire

DHHS Staff: Felicia Hугee, Dr. Christopher Rogers, Robyn Simmons, Meghan Sontag

AGENDA ITEMS/PRESENTER	ACTION ITEMS /RESPONSIBLE PARTY
<p>Meeting call to Order, Approval of Minutes, COH FY22 Reflections – <i>Crystal DeVance-Wilson, Chair</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">The meeting was called to order at 5:11 p.m. The COH Chair welcomed members, staff and guests. All present introduced themselves.New staff person Meghan Sontag was introduced and welcomed by all. Robyn Simmons will continue performing staff duties through October and Meghan will take on full staff responsibilities in November. Crystal thanked Robyn for acting as staff and Felicia Hугee and Magda Brown for performing other duties until the position was filled.Due to the need for a quorum, the Annual Report will be on the October meeting agenda for approval. The draft will be shared with Council for the annual Board of Health Meeting which the Chair and staff will attend.Upcoming meetings are October 20th and November 17th <p><u>A MOTION</u> was made by Marcela Campoli to approve the June 16, 2022 minutes. The motion was seconded by Brent Berger. The minutes were unanimously approved</p>	<p>Add the FY22 COH Annual Report to the October agenda for approval- <i>COH Staff</i></p>
<p>MCDHHS Health Officer's Report – Dr. Christopher Rogers on behalf of Dr. James C. Bridgers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Dr. Rogers discussed the Health Officer's priorities for FY23 and stated that if needed there can be follow up discussions about them. Some of the priorities are:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Senior Planning Specialist (data specialist) per COH's advocacy letter in FY22. Such a position will enhance data sharing and decision making with community partners.Healthy snacks in vending machines-goal is implementation in both public and private settings.Community Health Workers-need to increase numbers to improve access to dental services and address the medical and non-medical determinants of health.Program Evaluation	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Integrating newcomers in the County into a fragile healthcare system. There are opportunities to address this in maternal and child health care. Also discussed is the State's Healthy Babies Equity Act that will provide Medicaid for non-citizen pregnant women. This could potentially free up funds currently allocated to the Maternity Partnership Program for other public health purposes. ○ Behavioral Health and somatic health integration across DHHS programs. 	
<p>Policy & Strategy Officer Updates – Dr. Christopher Rogers, Policy & Strategy Officer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Rogers said that the COH Chair or Vice Chair may email him directly if they would like him to relay any specific COH concerns to the Health Officer. • Dr. Rogers said that he is also willing to provide presentations to the COH or schedule presenters for COH meetings to respond to COH interests. • There was a general discussion about the Colesville Center and potential opportunities for a mix of DHHS and community services if the facility is renovated. • Dr. Rogers said that he would have a COVID-19 Update document and a Monkey Pox document sent to the commissioners following the meeting. 	<p>Magda Brown will email the COVID-19 Update and Monkey Pox documents to the commissioners.</p>
<p>COH's role and its implementation – Chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crystal discussed her desire for the COH to work efficiently and productively focusing on gaps and deficiencies. She presented slides with an overview of the process to do this. • She also discussed an idea to meet with one of the five PHS division heads each month between the months of October 2022 and February 2023 to discuss program outcomes. She said the plan would be to share questions for them with Dr. Rogers ahead of time. • The current PHS organization chart was requested. • The Chair discussed the COH's FY23 priorities and stated that she would send the final priorities statement to staff to meet the DHHS due date for Council's meeting with BCCs on October 27th. • The chair would like to have COH's FY24 priorities ready in May or June with a preliminary draft completed in April. Jessica Kronstadt mentioned that an issue might be aligning with DHHS' priorities if they have not yet set theirs at that point in time. • Jonathan Arias discussed that there is confusion about the COH role of not just advocating for DHHS priorities but for the entire community. This could potentially be in conflict with DHHS. He would like the COH to invite the Council's Health and Human Services Committee Chair to a future meeting to discuss this topic. • The Chair discussed the COH's advocacy strategy which will include letter writing, testimony, research, education and outreach via liaisons to other BCCs. 	<p>Staff will request the current org. charge from the Health Officer's EAA and provide it to the to the COH Chair.</p>
<p>COH FY23 Priority Setting and Breakout Groups</p> <p>The Chair explained the three FY23 priorities which are Public Health Administration, Environmental Health and Education and Access to Care and the goals for the breakout groups. Commissioners present joined one of these break out groups and reported back to the full COH on topics pertaining to the priorities that were discussed.</p>	

<p>Jessica Kronstadt, who was the lead for the Public Health Administration breakout group, mentioned some updates that could be made to the FY23 Priorities Statement. She said she would provide the changes to the Chair.</p> <p>It was discussed that after new members are appointed, these priorities will be discussed during their orientation to the COH.</p>	<p>Jessica will provide her changes to the Chair and the chair will provide the final priorities document to staff prior to the DHHS due date of 10/1/22.</p>
<p>Adjournment</p> <p>The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:56 p.m.</p>	